

# PROJECT 1973 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP August 1965	2. LOCATION Charles City, Iowa
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION <del>1. <i>Arcturus</i></del> <del>2. <i>Meteor</i></del> <i>Transient Ref. J</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	Will be reevaluated if form 164 sent is returned. Evaluation based on assumption that sighting occurred in August 1965, and that the duration of the second object was brief.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 45 Minutes, 2. N/R	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Object sighted at 2300 in the NW. Looked like a planet to the naked eye. Gave off lights that were red, green, blue and white. Moved up and down sideways etc. At 2317 object split into two parts. One part remained in the same position and the second descended to a position to the lower right and about 1/3 of the way down to the horizon. Motion reported as "flashed". At this point it disappeared. 1st object watched until 1145PM when fog obscured the area.
7. COURSE West, Falling	Form 164 requested, not returned. Date missing. If sighting in August likely that the star ARCTURUS which was in the NW at 2300 was the Astro Body and a meteor observed passing the star giving an illusion that it was the same object splitting was the cause of the report.
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?  
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- ☒ c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type) \_\_\_\_\_
- e. At sea
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

23. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- ☒ g. Other at dusk

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

24.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- |                 |                                      |                                     |                |                                      |                                     |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | e. Binoculars  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| b. Sun glasses  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | h. Other _____ |                                      |                                     |

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

It was slightly larger and brighter than a planet



14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☐ No ☒ Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound could hear a sound

b. Color grayish white

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

Part of the object would have been covered by the head of the match.

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



The object stayed in one place at one point but moved back and forth and up and down.



30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before? If so give date or dates and location.  
 Name of animal. Each time at the Charles City Drive <sup>the object</sup>  
 Date of 22 same object, same place <sup>the same object</sup>  
 Date of 23 and 24 different object, different description <sup>the same object</sup>  
 - really dogs

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

**Yes**

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED], Green, Town  
[REDACTED], Green, Town  
[REDACTED], Green, Town  
[REDACTED], Green, Town  
[REDACTED], Green, Town  
[REDACTED], Green, Town

[REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] 1, Green, Iowa  
 [REDACTED] City Drive-In,  
 Charles City

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

I am 16 years old. I am a junior at Greer Community High School.  
I am a B average student. I am taking Physics I and Algebra II  
for my math and science courses.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? *Nobody of any importance*

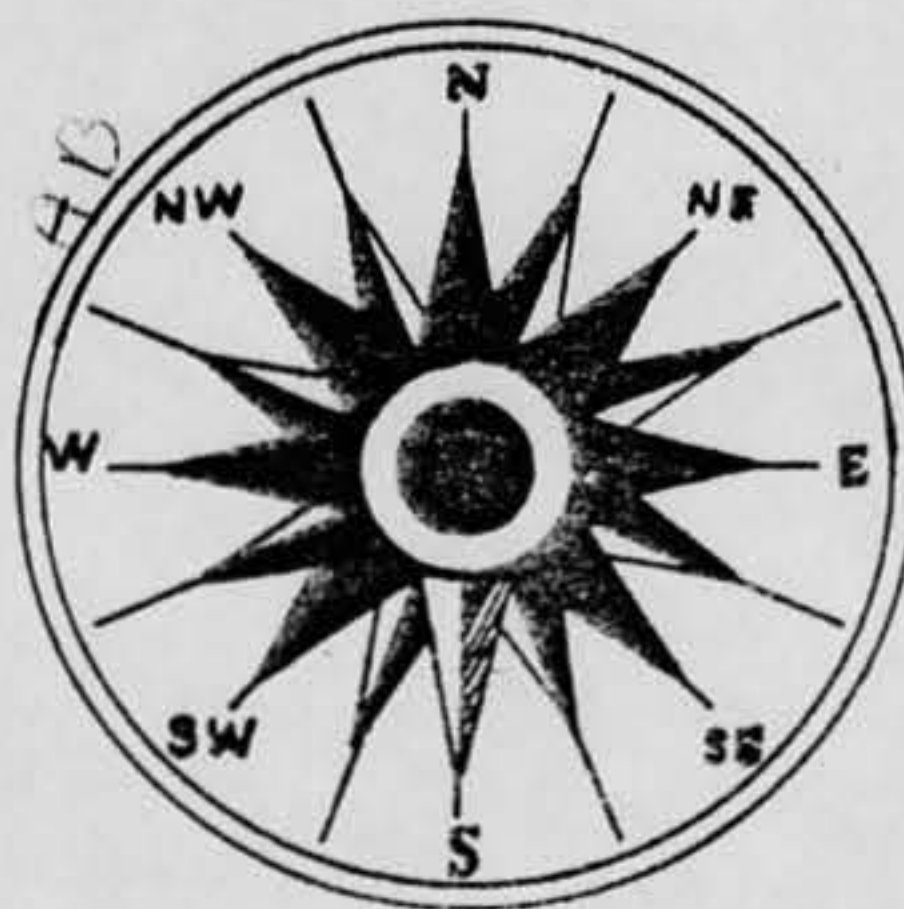
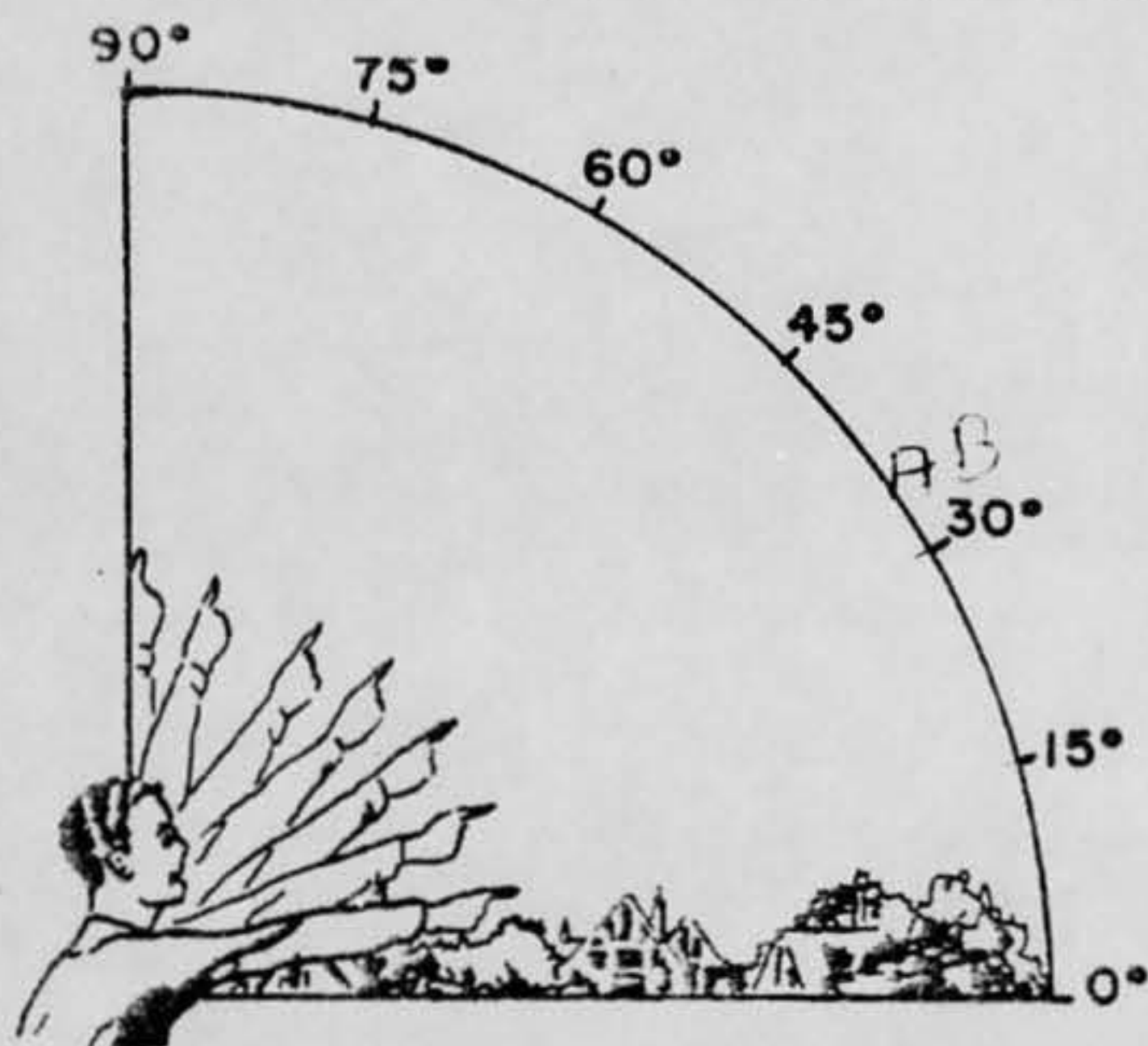
Day

Month

Year



27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.




29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? *The first one disappeared*  
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.





If you have any more questions you would want answered don't hesitate to write me, I would be glad to answer them.

I realize that quite a bit of the information on UFO's is secret, but could you tell me how many sightings are reported each week and how many of these cannot be accounted for by LOGICAL explanations.





34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

8  
DaySept  
Month1965  
Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

Following is a list of things which has been suggested that I say and my reasons why it is not.

- 1) airplane or helicopter - I know of no plane that would change colors as this object did, or change directions so fast.
- 2) planet - while the changing of colors and flickering would be accounted for in this instance, the change of direction of travel would not be.
- 3) satellite - I know of no satellite that would appear this big and bright through the atmosphere. Also I know of no satellite that changes direction repeatedly.
- 4) meteorite - Not because object changed direction repeatedly.
- 5) weather balloon - This may account for changes of color and changes of direction but certainly not the splitting apart of the object.

On September 4 I saw this same object (~~same~~ same place at least) while I was at the drive-in. This time it did not change colors too much but it brightened and dimmed and finally faded out.

Since I have seen several of these objects in the last couple of weeks, would it be possible for you to send me a couple of copies of this questionnaire to have on hand for the next time I see a UFO. Also could you give me permission to type <sup>extra</sup> copies of this questionnaire.

My Address:

[REDACTED], Greene, Iowa 50636

(over, please)



AUG  
Greene, Iowa

FTD (TDEW)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
2 September 1965

~~██████████~~  
Greene, Iowa

Dear Mr. ~~██████████~~,

Reference your letter of 24 August 1965 in which you reported seeing an unidentified object. The information in your letter was not sufficient for evaluation. It is requested that you fill out the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

The Air Force wishes to thank you for your interest in this subject.

Sincerely,



HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF  
Chief, Project Blue Book

FTD (TDEW)  
OFFICIAL FILE COPY



AUG

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~~SECRET~~

Aug 24, 1955

United States Air Force  
Washington, D.C.

Re: UFO report

Dear Sir:

I have your report of 11:30 P.M. regarding the sighting of a UFO.

The UFO was seen at 11:30 P.M. at the west end of Charles City, Iowa. The object looked like a bright light to the naked eye. It was not like anything that we've seen before, white, blue, green, and orange in color. The object moved up, down, sideways, and occasionally in circles and half circles. At 11:37 P.M. the object stopped moving and divided into two parts. The second part flashed to the lower right of the first part. At the end of the way to the horizon and then disappeared.

The first object continued to move as before. The object now had some white color than before. It continued to watch the UFO until approximately 11:45 P.M. The UFO was starting to settle over the area now. The last flash of the object was a bright red flash.

The following people (and addresses) observed the UFO from the Charles City Drive-In. There may have been more but I know the ones who saw it:


John Barth, Greene	James Rittner, Greene
Bruce Burroughs, Greene	Jim Galle, Greene
Doug Rufferidge, Greene	Jerry Loomer, Greene
Don Munch, Greene	Jerry Meek, Greene
Jim Meek, Greene	Bob Rist, Greene
Steve Schroeder, Greene	The manager of the Drive-In

Jerry Meek commented at the time of the sighting that he had seen the object about 1000 feet above the ground and that it was not like anything he had ever seen before. He said it was a bright light and it was not like anything he had ever seen before.

I have no information on this at this time. I will let you know if I hear anything more.

~~SECRET~~



  
Greene, Iowa



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Washington  
District of Columbia

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# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 August 65 22/0400Z	2. LOCATION Charles City, Iowa
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (ARCTURUS) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Sighting consistent with Star/Planet Report. The Star ARCTURUS is in the position of the reported object.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object at 30 deg elevation in the NW for 45 minutes. Observed for the last ten minutes through ground fog. Object reported as brighter than any star in that part of the sky and brighter than a planet. Edges were serrated. Final disappearance obscured by fog.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



Mrs. Hunt/man/SAFOICC/72842/20 Sep 65

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

SEP 20 1965

This is in reply to your report of your observation of an aerial object on the night of 21 August 1965.

The object which you observed has the characteristics of a star or planet. The star Arcturus was in the position of the reported object. The apparent motion and brightness can be attributed to atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Civil Branch  
Community Relations Division  
Office of Information

[REDACTED]  
Greene, Iowa 50636

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HEADQUARTERS  
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION  
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

ATTN OF: TDEW

SEP 14 1965

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 21 Aug 65, Charles City, Iowa

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)  
Wash D C 20330

Reference the attached unidentified report from [REDACTED]  
The reported object is characteristic of a star or planet observation. The star Arcturus was in the position of the reported object. The apparent motion and brightness can be attributed to atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER



ERIC T de JONCKHEERE  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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Sighting, 21 Aug 65,  
Charles City, Iowa



YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!



## 22

Ar. (archaeus)

<p>1. When did you see the object?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <u>21</u>      <u>August</u>      <u>1965</u>  Day                      Month                      Year </p>	<p>2. Time of day: <u>11</u>      <u>00</u>  Hour                      Minutes</p> <p>(Circle One):      A.M.      or      <u>P.M.</u></p>
<p>3. Time Zone:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Circle One): a. Eastern  b. Central  c. Mountain  d. Pacific  e. Other _____ </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Circle One): <u>a.</u> Daylight Saving  b. Standard </div> </div>	
<p>4. Where were you when you saw the object?</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 40%; border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; background-color: black;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; border-bottom: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">City or Town</div> <div style="width: 30%; border-bottom: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">State or County</div> </div>	
<p>5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">_____ Hours</div> <div style="text-align: center;">_____ Minutes</div> <div style="text-align: center;">_____ Seconds</div> </div> <p style="margin-top: 10px;"> a. Certain                      c. Not very sure  <u>b.</u> Fairly certain              d. Just a guess </p> <p>5.1 How was time in sight determined? _____</p> <p>5.2 Was object in sight continuously?      Yes <u>X</u>      No _____</p>	
<p>6. What was the condition of the sky?</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">DAY</p> a. Bright  b. Cloudy </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">NIGHT</p> <u>a.</u> Bright  b. Cloudy </div> </div>	
<p>7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?</p> <p>(Circle One):</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> a. In front of you  b. In back of you  c. To your right </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> d. To your left  <u>e.</u> Overhead  f. Don't remember </div> </div>	



8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- ☒ c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- ☒ c. No moonlight - pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- a. Dry
- ☒ b. Fog, mist, or light rain *Fog for last 10 minutes*
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- ☒ d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Brighter *Brighter than the brightest stars*
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

*As bright as the sun*

12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
  - b. Like a bright star
  - c. Sharply outlined
  - d. Don't remember

- e. Other *The edges of the object were slightly irregular, something like the sun's surface as it is said by the moon.*

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |                                      |                          |                                  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| f. Change shape?                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |